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Application of: Friend et al.

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CHARACTERIZING DRUG
ACTIVITIES USING CONSENSUS
PROFILES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 1999 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of one month from September 9, 1999 up to and including October 9, 1999, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and (2) an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, including revised PTO Form 1449 ("List of References Cited") and legible copies of references AA-AL and AR-GV cited therein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-88 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has required restriction of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1-78, drawn to methods of determining or grouping consensus profile(s), classified in Classes 435 and 436, subclasses 4 and 63, respectively.
- II. Claims 79-88, drawn to computer systems coded to determine consensus profiles, classified in Class 364, subclass 400.